

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 818

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kathy Hoover on being chosen as the 2008 honorary chair of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Winter Gala.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kathy Hoover, who has been chosen as the 2008 honorary chair of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Winter Gala; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Winter Gala is to educate the public, increase awareness, and raise funds in the fight against cardiovascular disease; honorees must be individuals who are survivors of cardiovascular disease, well-known in the local community, and are interested in helping educate and raise awareness about heart disease; and

WHEREAS, a former columnist for the *Daily News Journal*, Mrs. Hoover survived a stroke in July 2006, after long suffering what she thought were sinus-related headaches; and

WHEREAS, when these headaches became unbearable, the severity of her condition was recognized by Emily Arnold, the woman who waters Mrs. Hoover's house plants, and David Hoover, Kathy Hoover's husband, rushed her to the Middle Tennessee Medical Center (MTMC); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoover was soon diagnosed and underwent rehabilitation; thanks to the exceptionally attentive and talented staff of MTMC, the effects of the stroke she suffers are mild compared to those that many other stroke survivors experience; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Hoover hopes to save other lives from heart disease through her experience and gives sage advice on preventing heart problems, saying that "... you should not

put off going to the doctor. I know it can be a frightening thing. Regardless of any paranoia...go at least once a year. I think things could be much worse than you know"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathy Hoover epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Kathy Hoover for her contributions to the advancement of public awareness of heart disease, making the State of Tennessee a healthier and more health conscious place to live; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kathy Hoover on being chosen as the 2008 honorary chair of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Winter Gala, saluting her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extending to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.